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TAGS: ESTC, COCOM  
SUBJECT: DRAFT RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER 13-15  
COCOM MEETING

REFS: STATE 34512

1. AT FEBRUARY 14 COCOM MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
REFTEL, USDEL AGAIN ASKED FOR DELETION OF "AND TO APPLY  
IT, AS A FIRST STAGE" AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING  
IN RECORD OF DISCUSSION INDICATING COMMITTEE AGREEMENT  
TO ADDITION OF THIS PHRASE. CHAIRMAN IMMEDIATELY  
DISAGREED WITH THE USDEL STATEMENT AND NOTED THAT IT WAS  
HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT COMMITTEE HAD AGREED THAT THE  
ABSOLESCENCE PROCEDURE BE APPLIED FIRST IN THE CONTEXT OF  
THE LIST REVIEW AND THEN POSSIBLY ON A MORE PERMANENT  
BASIS IF THE RESULTS DURING THE LIST REVIEW WERE GOOD.  
IN SUPPORTING HIS ARGUMENT, THE CHAIRMAN QUOTED FROM  
THE REMARKS OF USDEL (LAST SENTENCE PARA 38, COCOM DOC.  
PROC. (77) 2.9: "IF THE PROCEDURE WORKED WELL AND THERE  
WAS A CONSENSUS TO APPLY IT ON A PERMANENT BASIS, THE  
COMMITTEE MIGHT SO DECIDE, IN LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE  
IT HAD GAINED." USDEL RESPONDED THAT THE KEY IDEA IN  
THE USDEL STATEMENT HAD BEEN THE CONJECTURE "IF THE  
PROCEDURE WORKED WELL" AND THAT THIS IDEA WAS NOT  
REFLECTED IN THE PRESENT WORDING OF THE INTRODUCTION TO  
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THE OBSOLESCENCE PROCEDURE. DESPITE USDEL ARGUMENT, ALL  
THE OTHER DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THE CHAIRMAN'S VIEW OF  
THE COMMITTEE'S AGREEMENT AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

2. DRAWING ON THE BELGIAN STATEMENT IN PARA 39, USDEL  
THEN PUT FORWARD THE INFORMAL SUGGESTION THAT THE FIRST  
TWO SENTENCES OF THE INTRODUCTION TO THE OBSOLESCENCE

PROPOSAL READ AS FOLLOWS: "TO INSTITUTE AN "OBSCURE-  
CENCE PROCEDURE" AND TO APPLY IT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF  
THE LIST REVIEW. THE COMMITTEE MIGHT THEN DECIDE, IN THE  
LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED, WHETHER OR NOT TO APPLY  
THIS PROCEDURE ON A PERMANENT BASIS." THE UK DEL  
SUGGESTED THAT THE WORDING BE SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED  
BY USDEL BUT WITH THE RETENTION OF THE PHRASE "AS A  
FIRST STAGE" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE. MOST OTHER  
DELEGATIONS SAID THEY COULD AGREE TO THE UK PROPOSAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER USDEL  
CAN AGREE TO UKDEL WORDING PARA 2 ABOVE, OR WHETHER IT  
SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ELIMINATION OF PHRASE "AS  
A FIRST STAGE" EITHER IN ORIGINAL WORDING OF CONCLUSION  
OR WITH WORDING CHANGES SUGGESTED BY USDEL. USDEL  
RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF UK WORDING SINCE REST OF COM-  
MITTEE SEEM WEDDED TO IDEA OF MAINTAINING PHRASE "AS  
A FIRST STAGE". ADDITION OF NEW SENTENCE SUGGESTED BY  
U.S. AND ACCEPTED BY U.K. WOULD CLARIFY THAT PHRASE AS  
MEANING THAT ANY EXTENSION OF OBSOLESCENCE PROPOSAL  
WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL AS TO BOTH  
PRINCIPLE AND PROCEDURE.

4. COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO WORDING "CALL FOR" IN  
CONCLUSION PARA (L) PART II.

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5. FRENCH DEL INDICATES HE HAS LIFTED ALL OF ITS SPE-  
CIFIC RESERVES ON ITEMS IN THE CONCLUSION, BUT HAS A  
GENERAL RESERVE ON ENTIRE DRAFT OF RECORD OF DISCUSSION.  
HE INDICATES THAT THIS IS PRIMARILY BECAUSE ALL THE  
FRENCH AGENCIES INVOLVED HAVE NOT YET HAD TIME TO FULLY  
REVIEW FRENCH TEXT. UKDEL ALSO HAS GENERAL RESERVE ON  
ENTIRE DRAFT TEXT BECAUSE HIS AUTHORITIES ARE STILL  
REVIEWING FULL TEXT.

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